

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A method for controlling access to a data communication network, comprising the steps of:

registering user information in a database by receiving information pertaining to the age of any user authorized by a person contracted with a service provider;

upon connection of a user to [[a]] the network service provider, checking log in data of the user who wishes to make the connection and comparing said data with a database in order to define a user profile;

identifying a user profile at least by [[an]] the information pertaining to the age of the user;

according to the user profile, allowing free access to said network and if said user is a minor, allowing access to said network with a controlled navigation step.

2. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said user profile identification step comprises comparing the data entered by said user in order to access the network with a database which contains the profiles of users registered with said service provider.

3. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said controlled navigation step comprises checking for the presence in the sites that said user attempts to access, of an accessibility key suitable to identify said site as accessible to the minor user or a non-accessibility key suitable to identify said site as not accessible to the minor user.

4. (currently amended) The method according to claim 3, wherein said controlled navigation step further comprises, if said site that the user attempts to access is tagged by an accessibility key, a step comprising checking for the presence of preset keywords suitable to define to content in pages of said site.

5. (currently amended) The method according to claim 3, wherein if said accessibility key or said non-accessibility key are not present in said site that the user attempts to access, a step comprising checking for the presence of preset keywords suitable to define to content in pages of said site.

6. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1, further comprising preparing a report of the navigation performed by said user and sending said report to parents of said minor user.

7. (currently amended) A device for controlling access to a data communication network, comprising means for registering at least one user for enabling access to a data communication network;

means for registering user information in a database by receiving information pertaining to the age of any user authorized by a person contracted with a service provider;

means for authenticating said user;

means for identifying a user profile at least by an information pertaining to the age of the user to identify the user as a minor or not;

means for storing the profile of said user; and

means for controlling the sites that can be visited by said user on said data communication network, in order to allow a controlled navigation of said user of said data communication network if said user is a minor.